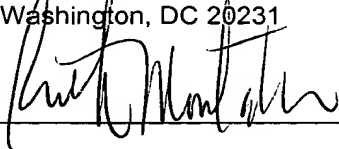


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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Notification of Missing Requirement under 35 U.S.C. 371 dated July 9, 2001

The Executed Declaration/POA is filed concurrently herewith.

Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$ 110.00 is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees required with this submission or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

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